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#1 GROSVENOR SQUARE
LONDON, W. 1, ENGLAND

TO [] FOR FROST FROM WHITE:

REFERENCE LETTER TWENTYTWO MAY, EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AFTER FIRST
THREATENING SEIZURE OF CAIRO EQUIPMENT NOW HAS GIVEN NOTICE THAT IT
INTENDS TO STOP OPERATIONS. ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO REVERSE DECISION
OR POSTPONE IMPLEMENTATION BY OFFERING, FIRST, IMMEDIATE LOAN OF
EXCESS EQUIPMENT, SECOND, APPOINTMENT OF EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER TO
OPERATION, THIRD, AVAILABILITY OF ALL EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS ON ONE
JANUARY FORTYNINE, AND FOURTH, AS LAST RESORT, EARLY ABANDONMENT OF
OUTPOST AND REDUCTION OF COVERAGE TO DOWNTOWN MONITORING.

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IF THESE EFFORTS ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL, CONTEMPLATE EMERGENCY OPERATION
AT [] WITH APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN LINGUISTS UNDER [] DIRECTION
COVERING ARABIC FROM BAGHDAD, BEIRUT, CAIRO, DAMASCUS, JERUSALEM,
VOICE OF ISRAEL, HAGANA, AL-INQAZ, MOSCOW AND TEHERAN, HEBREW FROM
JERUSALEM, VOICE OF ISRAEL, HAGANA, AL-INQAZ, STERN GANG AND IRGUN,
ALBANIAN FROM TIRANA AND MOSCOW, GREEK FROM ATHENS, BELGRADE AND
MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FROM KIEV, KHARKOV AND TEHERAN AND ENGLISH AS AVAILABLE.

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WOULD RELY ON CAVERSHAM FOR COMPLETEST POSSIBLE COVERAGE OF YUGOSLAVIA,
RUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

ESTIMATE PROGRAM REQUIRES LINGUISTS AS FOLLOWS: FIVE ARABIC, TWO GREEK,
TWO RUSSIAN, TWO ENGLISH, THREE ALBANIAN, TWO HEBREW. ADDITIONALLY, THREE
EDITORS, THREE TYPISTS AND [] QUINN, [] WOULD BRING COMPLIMENT 25X1
TO TWENTYSIX. DESIRE [] AND TEMPORARILY [] REMAIN CAIRO TO CLOSE OUT 25X1
STATION ADMINISTRATIVELY. 25X1

IF EMERGENCY FORCED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF CARGO AT [] SMALL OPERATION 25X1
YOU SUGGEST WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. BELIEVE SOME POSSIBILITY OBTAINING
RECORDING EQUIPMENT FROM CAIRO.

REQUEST YOUR COMMENT ON LARGER PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY IN FOLLOWING
RESPECTS:

1. DO YOU CONCUR IN PROPOSED COVERAGE? CAN CAVERSHAM HANDLE ANY OF
LISTED STATIONS FULLY ADEQUATELY?
2. HOW MANY OF PROPOSED STAFF CAN YOU FURNISH ON SHARED COST BASIS?
APPEARS ADVISABLE MAXIMUM BE PROVIDED BY BBC.
3. COULD YOU ASSIST IN CLEARING THROUGH PADDY REMAINING STAFF TO BE
SUPPLIED FROM CAIRO? TYPISTS CAN PRESUMABLY BE RECRUITED LOCALLY.
4. ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENT.

CONTINUE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HEARTY COOPERATION."

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